

The National Environmental Policy Act -**Environmental Assessment**

EA – Environmental Assessment

The WSDOT writes an EA to evaluate the expected environmental effects (both positive and negative) and how potential adverse effects can be avoided or minimized. The EA focuses on those resources or features that might be adversely affected.



What's the purpose of tonight's meeting?

We've invited you here tonight to present the EA's findings, to answer your questions, and to gather your comments on the proposal. The Legislature has defined and budgeted this project. Therefore, funds are not available to consider new alternatives, or ideas that fall outside the scope of the project.



Public Meeting

What happens next?

After reviewing your comments, we anticipate issuing a decision document in late July. Barring the discovery of any unknown significant impacts resulting from this proposal, the project will move into the permitting phase. Construction will begin in Spring, 2008.